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BOONE WEATHER			
1958	High	Low	Prev.
Mar. 25	41	31	71
Mar. 26	46	37	42
Mar. 27	46	36	45
Mar. 28	46	33	39
Mar. 29	50	32	44
Mar. 30	45	37	39
Mar. 31	52	37	46

About ten inches snow and less measured.

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TWELVE PAGES—TWO SECTIONS



LEGION VISITORS.—American Legion Post No. 130, Boone, was host last week to National, division and district officers when Legions and auxiliary members from six counties met. Shown, left to right, are Troy Norris, commander of Post 130; Mrs. John Cryslar and Mr. Cryslar, fifth division commander; Harry W. Miller, na-

tional vice commander; Lionel Ward, Post 130 adjutant; Nash D. McKee, department adjutant; Hubert Mathes, past 28th district commander; Charles P. Dougherty, first vice commander Post 130; Mrs. Mathes, and J. W. Norris, vice commander of the 28th district.—Photo Palmer's Photo Shop.

Top Student Scientists Picked

32 Hi Schools Represented At Area Fair

Young scientists from 32 schools in Northwest North Carolina were in Boone Friday to display some of the things they have learned in their science classes, and to vie for the chance to go to Duke University April 17 to compete with other districts in the State Fair.

A total of 133 projects were entered in the Northwest District Science Fair in the Science Building of Appalachian State Teachers College by students from schools in Watauga, Avery, Ashe, Wilkes, and Alleghany counties.

Projects displayed in the physical science field covered subjects as complex as the weather, rocks and radio, but leaned heavily toward the "atomic-rocket" age.

Biological subjects covered included displays on the human brain, soil molds, embryology of chickens, skeletons of several creatures, antibiotics and the digestive system.

The ten winners in the senior division—five in the physical sciences and five biological—are eligible for state competition. First, second, and third places were chosen in the Junior division.

The fair consumed the entire day, with the scientists placing their exhibits from 8:30 to 10:30 a. m. While judging was being done the students and their teachers toured the college campus and Boone. All entrants were invited to a luncheon in the college cafeteria where Dr. F. Ray Derrick, head of the ASTC Biology Department, stressed the need for more young scientists, and urged more emphasis be placed on science teaching.

Dr. William H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian, welcomed the visitors at the luncheon, and Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of the college, presented awards.

Winners in the senior physical division, their projects and schools were:

Tad Buckland, Wilson Cloud Chamber, Appalachian High.

John L. Eggers, Glow Discharge Tube, Appalachian.

David L. Woodruff, From Rocks to Radio, North Wilkes District.

Frank Crowe, Jr., Models of Atoms, Wilkes Central.

Gary Bottomley, Principles of Rocketry, West Wilkes.

Honorable mention: Walter Graag, Atomic Energy, Cranberry High; Sarah Meadows, Scientific Principles, Wilkes Central; and Kenneth Love, Atomic Power Production, Wilkes Central.

Senior Biological winners: James Cobb Mills, Jr., Soil Molds of North Wilkesboro; Wilkes Central.

Dewey Evans Fox, Home-made Dyes, Crossnore High.

Grant Robert Ayers, Control Areas of the Brain, Appalachian.

Anna Lou Mathis, Embryology of Chick, Rutherfordton-Spindale.

Margaret Lynn Hagaman, Mic-

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\$150,000 Park Plan Election Is Sought

Science Fair Exhibits

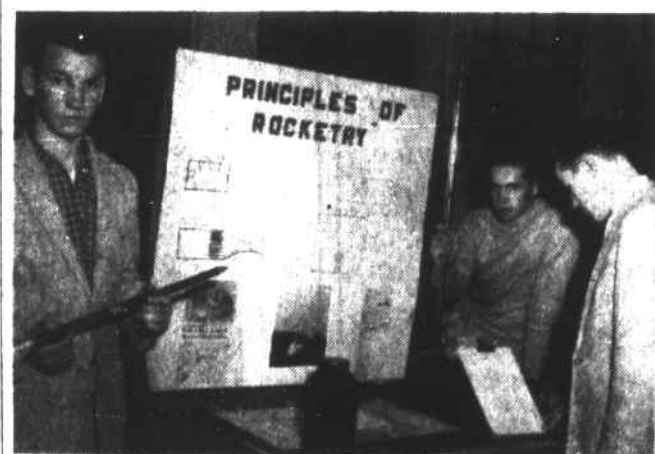
Civic Groups Spearheading Development



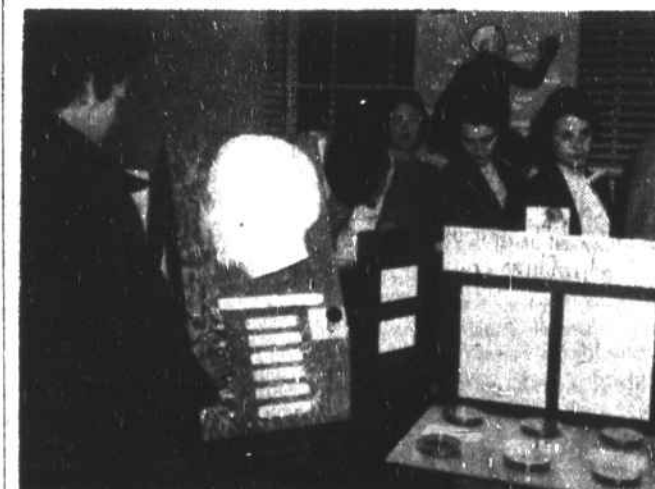
JUDGING.—Dwight Isenhour, Norman Isenhour, and Dr. Frank Randall look over one of the 133 science exhibits as they about judging in the senior division of the Science Fair.—Photo AV Center.



FOUR WINNERS.—Tad Buckland, right, sits beside his winning Cloud Chamber exhibit as three other winners in the senior division of the Science Fair pose with him. All students at Appalachian High School, they are, left to right, Buddy Ayers, Landrae Eggers, and Margaret Lynn Hagaman. The chamber is used in nuclear laboratory work to trace atomic particles.



GARY BOTTOMLEY, right center, has help in explaining his exhibit on the Principles of Rocketry. All from West Wilkes High School, the boys are, left, Jerry Bumgarner, and Shelton Lankford. Five rockets similar to the one Gary is holding, have been launched by the boys, going as high as 5,000 feet over the river bottom of the Yadkin river.



BRAINS?—Linda Cavin, student of ASTC, operates an exhibit, built by Buddy Ayers, that indicates which part of the head nerve centers for control of feeling, movement, sight, etc., are located. The exhibit on the right was made by Margaret Lynn Hagaman and shows a study of microbial sensitivity to antibiotics.—Staff photos by Joe Minor.

Parkway Toll Proposal Killed

Secretary of the Interior Fred Seaton tolled the death knell for Blue Ridge Parkway tolls Wednesday of last week.

He said plans to collect fees on the Parkway have been abandoned and promised they won't be revived again.

Announcing his decision at a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee hearing, Seaton expressed the hope his decision finally disposes of the controversial toll idea, which has cropped up at intervals since 1940.

Seaton said that as far as he is concerned his action Wednesday ends the question of tolls once and for all.

He said he could not bind a successor but that if the plan is revived again it will have to be taken out of a "freeze."

Seaton said North Carolina protests had convinced him it would be unwise to collect tolls for use of the 477-mile-long scenic highway.

He announced his decision under questioning by Sen. Ervin (D-NC). Ervin is not a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee but was permitted by chairman Hayden (D-ARIZ.) to question Seaton.

Protests against imposition of the tolls were carried to Seaton last week by a large North Carolina delegation including Gov. Hodges and the Tar Heel Congressional delegation.

Some members of the delegation suggested they would make a court fight of the toll question, if necessary.

Seaton said he would formulate his ideas on abandoning the toll plan, which was due to go into effect June 1, for a statement to be issued within a few days.

Ervin told the appropriations subcommittee that he and some House members, including Rep. Shuford (D-NC) and Rep. Alexander (D-NC) had come to the hearing to talk with Seaton about the tolls and added he hoped Seaton's decision would be "righteous."

Seaton replied that after study he had reached the conclusion "that we should not attempt to collect fees on the parkway."

Plans to impose the tolls were announced several weeks ago by the National Park Service, which is under the Interior Department. Charges would have included \$1 for a 15-day auto permit and \$2 for a one-year ticket.

One of the chief arguments raised by protesters from North Carolina was that the parkway was created—in part with land donated by the Tar Heel state—with the clear understanding it would be toll free.

Seaton said the plan to have 20 or more collecting stations on the Parkway was "impractical" and said tolls on the Parkway would not be consistent with practices on some other federally-owned roads on which no fees are charged.

Younce House Razed By Fire

A five-room frame house, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burkett Younce of Howard's Creek was totally destroyed by an early morning blaze last Tuesday morning.

All the furnishings, clothing, etc. was destroyed, nothing being salvaged from the flames.

The fire was of unknown origin. Some belief was held that the blaze originated in the electric wiring.

Beech Creek Man Is Killed In Texas Crash

A Watauga county man was one of four airmen killed in a car-truck collision near Hondo, Texas Saturday.

He was Airman 2-c Redd L. Taylor, 19, of Beech Creek.

A highway patrol officer was quoted as saying that the car in which Taylor was a passenger, collided with a transfer company truck on a bridge.

The body will be returned to Watauga for burial, but further information is unavailable.

Phone Line To Triplett Being Built By Bell

Construction of a telephone line to the Triplett neighborhood started April 1, according to word received from H. M. Inabinet, Southern Bell Manager for this area.

Mr. Inabinet stated that it would cost \$5,300 to provide telephone service to 23 subscribers at Triplett.

Mrs. Geo. Hayes Funeral Tuesday

Mrs. Lou Ellen Bumgarner, Hayes, 84, of Blowing Rock, widow of George W. Hayes of Boone, died Sunday in a Concord Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at the Oak Grove Baptist Church near Boone Tuesday at 2:30 and burial was in the Hine graveyard. Rev. Rex West and Rev. W. W. Jones conducted the rites.

Surviving are four sons, Clayton Hayes of Blowing Rock, Robert and Fosse Hayes of Boone, and Raymond Hayes of Texas; three daughters, Mrs. Edith Greene of Clarkston, Wash., Mrs. Lillian Isenhour of Blowing Rock and Mrs. Geneva Morgan of Concord; a sister, Mrs. Nora Church of North Wilkesboro; four brothers, Spencer Bumgarner of Boone, George Bumgarner of Drexel, Fayette Bumgarner of New Comertown, Ohio, and Calvin Bumgarner of Newberg, Oregon; and 21 grandchildren.

\$750,000 Dorm To Be Built At College

The Board of Trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College has authorized the administration to begin preliminary negotiations for construction of a new dormitory for women on the campus at Boone.

The board took the action during a semi-annual meeting in Winston-Salem Thursday.

The last session of the N. C. General Assembly authorized the college to borrow money from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency for construction of the proposed \$750,000 dormitory.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of the college, said the college will make application for the loan. The administration will continue to study problems involved in construction of the building, he said.

In other action the board appointed Cratis Williams, now professor of English, as acting director of graduate studies.

Williams will succeed Dr. Herbert W. Wey, who has resigned to join the faculty of the University of Miami. The change will take place September 1.

Dr. James E. Stone, now director of the college's extension service, was appointed director of summer school. He succeeds Chappel Wilson, who died last October.

William J. Conrad of Winston-Salem, chairman of the board, presided. All 12 board members attended.

Edwin Duncan Again To Seek Senate Seat

Sparta—Edwin Duncan of Sparta, president of The Northwestern Bank, will seek the Democratic nomination for the state senate in the 29th Senatorial District.

The district is composed of Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, and rotation gives Alleghany the opportunity to elect a state senator every six years.

Duncan is a member of the State Banking Commission. He represented the district in the senate at the 1953 session of the General Assembly.

Four other men announced Friday they would seek the Democratic nomination as candidates for Alleghany County offices. They were:

D. M. Edwards and H. J. Royall, the Board of Commissioners; M. T. Crouse, Board of Education; and Gene R. Irwin, clerk of Superior Court.

Watauga Herfords Take Awards At Bristol Show

Watauga Herfords demonstrated once more the quality for which they have been noted for years when three herds from this county came away with two first, two second, and one third place awards at the Tri-State Hereford Show and Sale in Bristol, Va., last Wednesday, reports B. W. Stallings.

Diamond S. Ranch took the blue ribbon in the First Bull class, marking the first time a polled Hereford has even won a class in this strong open show, said Mr. Stallings, justifiably proud owner of the winner.

V. C. Shore took a blue ribbon in the Fifth Heifer class with a stylish horned Hereford showing lots of quality.

Harry M. Hamilton, Jr., stood second in the Second Bull class with a thick, meaty-type polled Hereford.

Diamond S. Ranch came back to take second place in the Fifth Bull class with a very growthy-type polled bull, and V. C. Shore took third place in the Fifth Heifer class with a classy looking horned heifer.

Watauga Herfords were well accepted throughout the show and sold far above the average in the sale, Mr. Stallings reported.



EGG STRA SPECIAL EASTER EGG.—Easter eggs may come and go but this one, apparently, goes on forever. At least, it has existed for the past 26 years in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moody of Vilas. Mrs. Moody, the former Miss Lucy Minton, gave it to Charlie at a 1932 Easter egg hunt on the old Spainhour place at Valle Crucis. He kept it, inscribed "1932" on it in indelible ink, and showed it to her when they were married in 1935. The Moodys have preserved their special Easter egg as a treasured memento ever since.—Staff photo.